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DURHAM, N.H. — Kenneth Johnson, professor of sociology and senior demographer in the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire, is available to discuss U.S. Census Bureau data released today.

Johnson can be reached at ken.johnson@unh.edu. His analysis of the data can be downloaded at: <http://scholars.unh.edu/carsey/237>

According to Johnson, the U.S. Census Bureau data provides further evidence that the recession's influence on domestic migration (movement from one U.S. county to another) is diminishing.

"Migration patterns are reverting to those commonly seen before the recession," said Johnson. "Suburban counties of large metropolitan areas are receiving more domestic migrants, while large metropolitan core counties are seeing more domestic migration losses. Domestic migration losses also continue in rural areas."

Johnson also found there was no evidence in the data of any recovery in fertility. Births remain near 15-year lows and there were a record number of deaths last year. With fewer births and more deaths, more than 1,000 U.S. counties (32.5 percent) had more people die in them than be born last year.

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